

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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5 Michael Rodriguez,  
6 Plaintiff,  
7 v.  
8 Well Path, et al.,  
9 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:19-cv-2074-ART-VCF

**REFERRAL TO PRO BONO PROGRAM**

10 Before the court are plaintiff's motion requesting the court to refer this matter to the pro bono  
11 program (ECF NO. 104), motion requesting the court to direct the Clerk to electronically transmit all  
12 filings in this matter to James D. Urrutia (ECF NO. 105), and motion to stay case (ECF NO. 106).

13 Plaintiff Rodriguez filed a motion requesting pro bono counsel in the instant matter. Plaintiff states  
14 that James Urrutia, Esq. represents him as pro bono counsel in 2:17-cv-2344-RFB-DJA and he would be  
15 willing to appear as pro bono counsel in this case.

16 On October 6, Judge Ferenbach held a hearing on ECF Nos. 104, 105, and 106. Mr. Urrutia was  
17 invited to attend; however, Mr. Urrutia did not attend the hearing.

18 At the hearing, the court ordered that if Mr. Urrutia would like to file a notice of willingness to  
19 appear as pro bono counsel in this matter, it must be done by November 6. On October 11, 2023, Mr.  
20 Urrutia filed his notice of willingness to accept this case. (ECF No. 112).

21 This case is referred to the Pro Bono Program ("Program") adopted in General Order 2019-07 for  
22 the purpose of screening for financial eligibility (if necessary) and identifying counsel willing to be  
23 appointed as pro bono counsel for Michael Rodriguez. The scope of appointment will be for all purposes  
24 through the conclusion of trial. By referring this case to the Program, the Court is not expressing an  
25 opinion as to the merits of the case.

1 Accordingly,

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion requesting the court to refer this matter to the  
3 pro bono program (ECF NO. 104), is GRANTED.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this case is referred to the Pro Bono Program for appointment  
5 of counsel for the purposes identified herein.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk forwards this order to the Pro Bono Liaison.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERD that the motion requesting the court to direct the Clerk to  
8 electronically transmit all filings in this matter to James D. Urrutia (ECF NO. 105), is GRANTED.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the motion to stay case (ECF NO. 106), is DENIED without  
10 prejudice. Mr. Urrutia may refile the motion to stay case, if necessary, after his appearance as pro bono  
11 counsel in this matter.

12 DATED this 12th day of October 2023.

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16 CAM FERENBACH  
17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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